

# Mackinac Bridge

## August Traffic Report

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**September 13, 2004**

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 608,244 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of August. This represents a 9.6 percent decrease when compared to the 673,205 crossings during August 2003. Fare revenue for the month was down 8.5 percent compared to last year, going from \$2,139,152 to \$1,957,517. Commercial traffic for the month of August was down 0.4 percent.

Traffic for the first eight months of 2004 is running 3.2 percent behind last year's pace; 2,994,377 vehicles versus 3,094,563 in 2003. Fare revenue in 2004 totals \$10,376,130 compared to \$9,533,972 last year, an increase of 8.8 percent. Commercial traffic for the first eight months of 2004 is down 3.5 percent over the same period of last year.

Mr. Sweeney reported that construction activity continues at the Mackinac Bridge. He asks that travelers drive with extreme caution during the construction season, slow down, be aware of our construction workers, and "Give 'em a Brake".

	Traffic <u>2004</u>	Traffic <u>2003</u>	% <u>Inc.</u>	Fare Revenues <u>2004</u>	Fare Revenues <u>2003</u>	% <u>Change</u>
January	212,333	230,336	-7.8	\$830,055	\$601,273	38.0
February	232,806	226,199	2.9	\$890,450	\$581,708	53.1
March	240,155	245,427	-2.1	\$935,326	\$617,334	51.5
April	267,077	246,102	8.5	\$976,690	\$612,611	59.4
May	355,780	370,850	-4.1	\$1,254,333	\$1,323,354	-5.2
June	444,780	464,103	-4.2	\$1,518,382	\$1,591,969	-4.6
July	633,202	638,341	-0.8	\$2,013,377	\$2,066,571	-2.6
August	608,244	673,205	-9.6	\$1,957,517	\$2,139,152	-8.5